



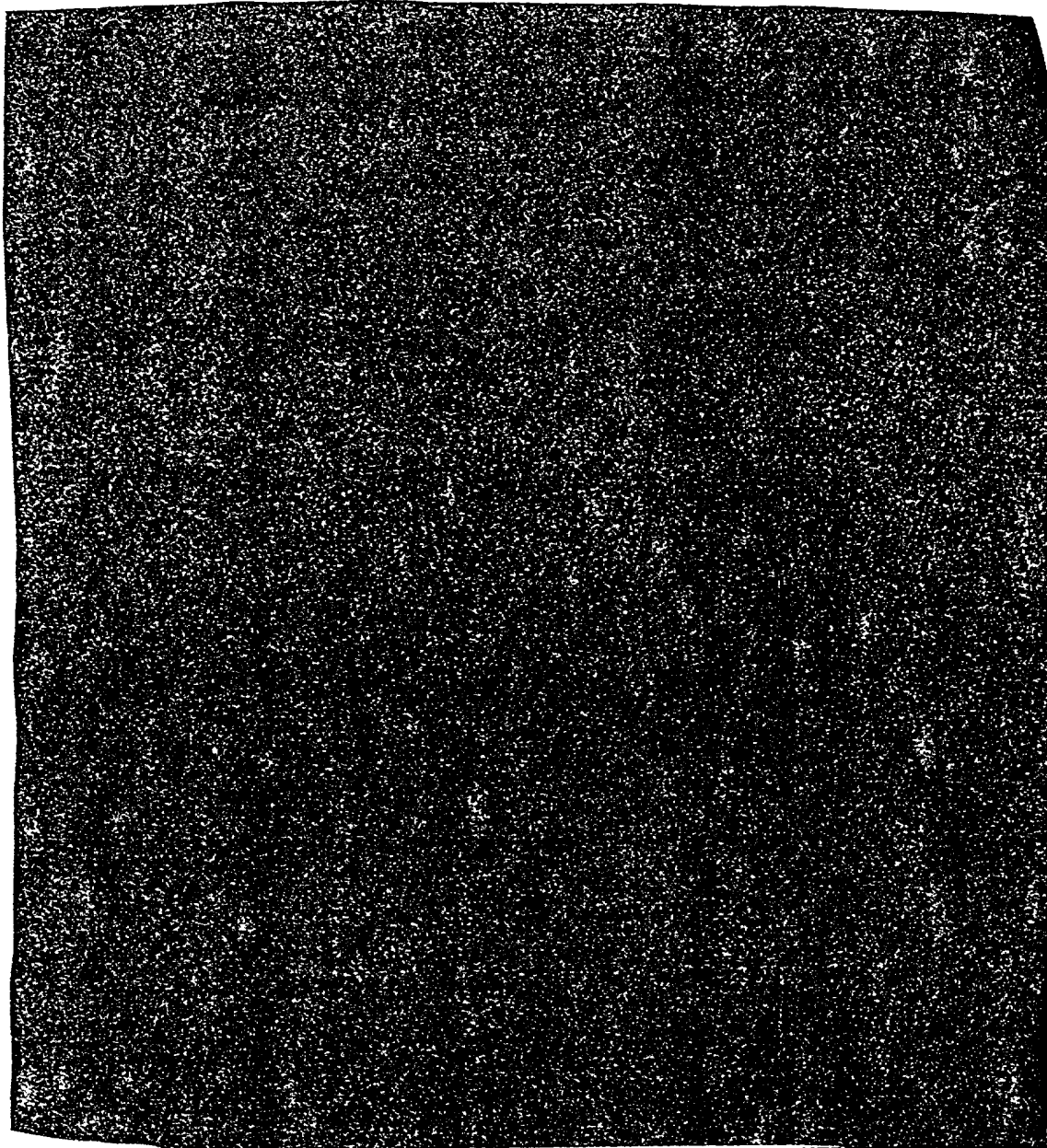
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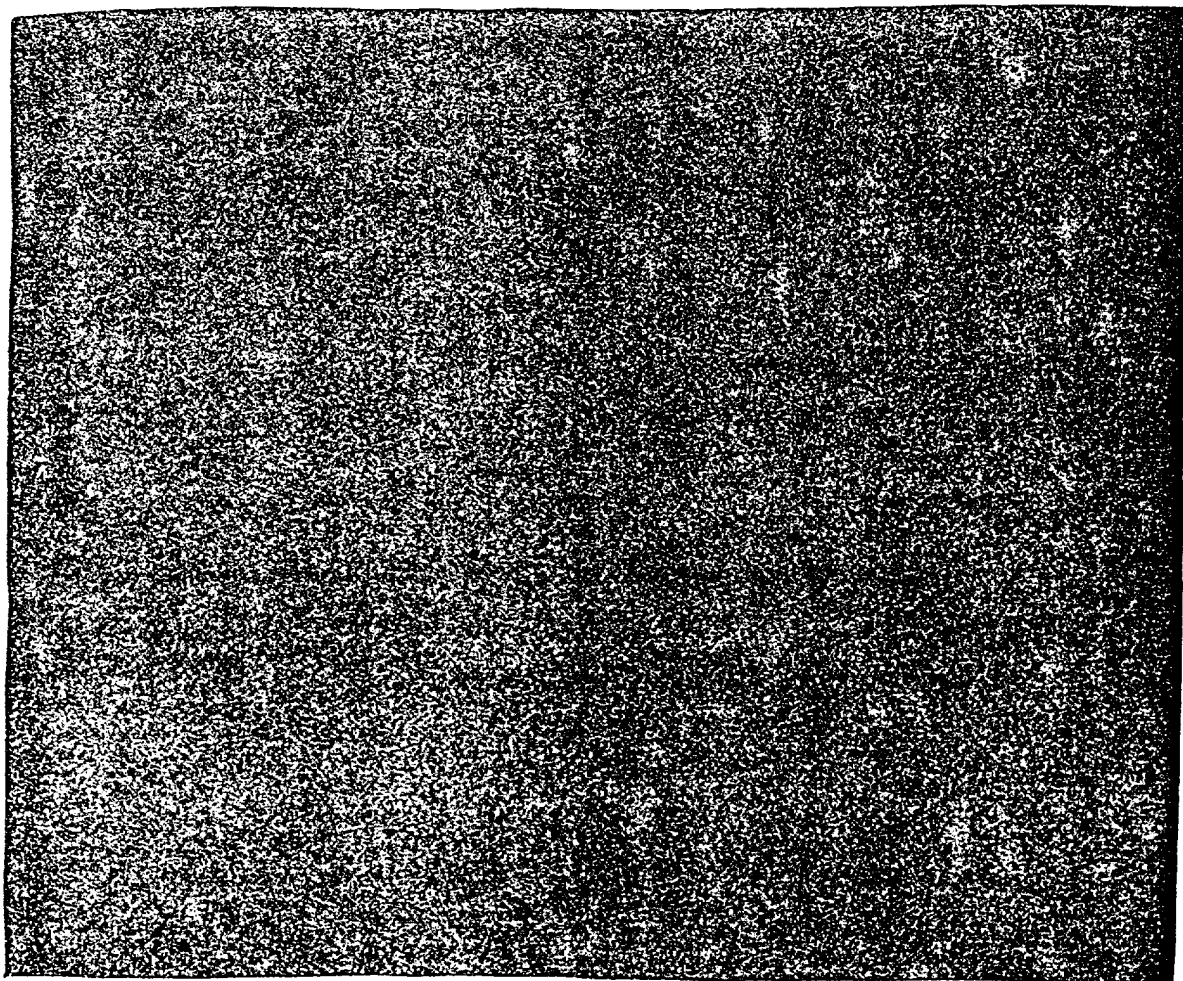
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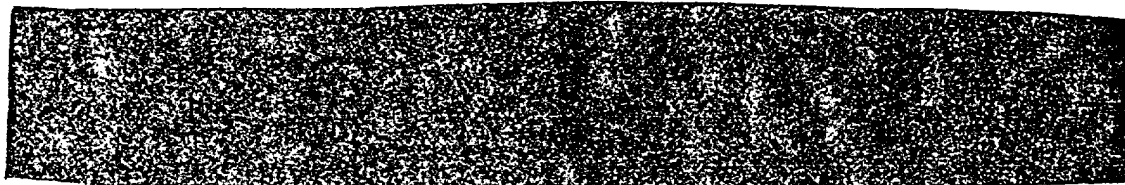
Meanwhile, Iranian television announced that four Iraqi planes--two military and two non-military--entered Iranian airspace yesterday and today "under emergency conditions" and landed at an Iranian airfield. The announcer added that the aircraft would be impounded until the end of the war.

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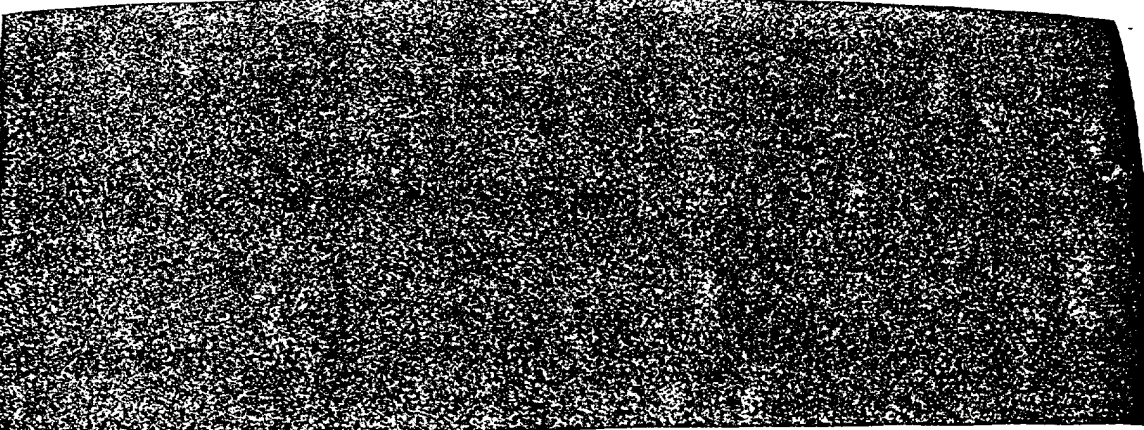
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- o German Foreign Minister Genscher publicly challenged the UK on Monday to join Germany and fully support European political union as the "correct response to the Gulf crisis." [REDACTED]

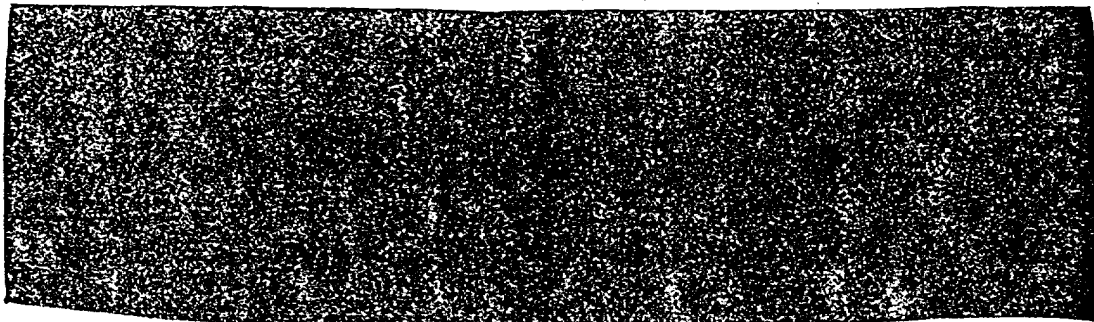


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Syria-Iraq: Propaganda War Heats Up

Syria and Iraq have sharpened press attacks on each other as Baghdad probes for weakness among Arab members of the US-led coalition. The Iraqi media are urging Syrians to cast out their government and join Baghdad in upholding "the mast of the banner" of Arabism, and the Iraqi-sponsored Syrian Muslim Brotherhood recently issued a statement in Jordan calling for Syrian Muslims to revolt against President Asad. Radio Baghdad reported on Sunday that Damascus had turned over to the US Embassy seven downed US pilots, which was quickly denied by the government-controlled media in Syria. For their part, the Syrians are exhorting the Iraqis to save their country from destruction by ousting Saddam and are focusing greater attention of the activities of Iraqi dissidents.



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